



**Application By** : **Highways England for M54 to M6 Link Road**

**Responses** : **South Staffordshire Water plc (SSW)**

**SSW's Reference** : **20025357**

**Responses on behalf of South Staffordshire Water plc to Changes accepted on  
29 October 2020**

## M54 to M6 Link Road - Development Consent Order

### DEADLINE 3A

#### Comments on the changes accepted on 29 October 2020

Changes	SSW comments on the changes accepted on 29 October 2020
Change 1 - Realignment of the eastbound slip road from the M54 at Junction 1 towards Featherstone, moving it further from Featherstone village.	This change to the scheme affects an area where we do not have any assets nor are looking to install any diverted assets.
Change 2 - Reducing the width of the link road's central reservation and placing the drainage in the verge, rather than next to it.	The change to the scheme here will affect our proposals as it relates to the width of the link road. Despite comments in the statement of common ground, this was not discussed in our last review meeting, we noticed the change in subsequent documentation and have asked for further information and an updated CAD proposal. We have received the CAD proposal and incorporated into our design drawing. We have not received a drawing that shows the cross section of the drainage through the verge to determine any clash with our pipeline or if we are required to non-standard cover as a result of the presence of this drainage.
Change 3 - Increase to the steepness of the section of the link road approaching M6 Junction 11.	This change to the scheme affects an area where we do not have any assets nor are looking to install any diverted assets.
Change 4 - Change to bridge design and construction method at M54 Junction 1.	This change to the scheme affects an area where we do not have any assets nor are looking to install any diverted assets.
Change 5 - Relocation of the new bridge over the proposed link road at Hilton Lane and change to route of nearby Public Right of Way.	The change to the scheme here will affect our current proposals as it relates to the alignment of Hilton Lane. Our existing main is located within this section and there are some proposed diversionary works also within this section. Our works will have to be undertaken prior to any of the construction activities at this location so is dependent upon programme alignment to avoid any clashes or delays. Historical option of a diversion route via Hilton Lane overbridge has not been taken forward, as agreed by both HE & SSW, so have been not judged for impact in regard to this change.

<p>Change 6 – Change in alignment of slip road at the revised M54 Junction 1 leading on to M54 eastbound.</p>	<p>This change to the scheme affects an area where we do not have any assets nor are looking to install any diverted assets.</p>
<p>Change 7 – Changes to the Environmental Masterplan.</p>	<p>The changes found on available plans do not appear to impact upon the position of current assets or proposed diversion works, however confirmation from the HE would ideally like to be sought in this regard. In particular the environmental master plan shows existing woodland remaining that either is a direct clash or very adjacent to our proposed diversion scheme. We require separate dialogue with the HE around the environmental impact of our work, the mitigation works as a consequence of habitat loss caused by the diversion works and future access arrangements that may be impacted by retention of existing habitat/vegetation or the planting of new.</p>